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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: CANCELEDDA et al.

Entitled: SERUM FREE MEDIUM FOR CHONDROCYTE-LIKE CELLS

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
12 pages of specification and claims (pages 1-11 and page 10 including claims set 1-17 and claims set 1-7), and
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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| 60/107,646 | U.S. | 9 November 1998 |
| PCT/EP99/08482 | WO | 8 November 1999 |

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/107,646, filed November 9, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/831,161, filed June 11, 2001, (allowed), which is a 371 U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP99/08482, filed 8 November 1999, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to CONSORZIO PER LA GESTIONE DEL CENTRO DI BIOTECNOLOGIE AVANZATE and ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER LA RICERCA.☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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| Basic Filing Fee | | \$ | 750.00 |
| Total effective claims | 8 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ | 750.00 |
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| | SECOND SUBTOTAL | \$ | 750.00 |
| Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED | \$ | 750.00 |

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